

**Fund Raising for and by Students****A. Fund Raising for Students by Outside Organizations**

For the purposes of this policy, outside organizations include those formal or informal associations which have an interest in the school division or in its schools or a particular school. While overwhelming support exists for parent and community groups, e.g., Parent Teacher Association, Athletic Boosters, Band Boosters, etc., any organization not directly approved by the Stafford County School Board as a curricula, co-curricula, or extra-curricular organization shall not use students in grades K-8 for solicitations of any kind outside the school and shall be allowed to use students in grades K-12 for fund-raising activities in the schools only with the approval of the principal.

The use of students in grades 9-12 for solicitations outside the school on behalf of outside organizations must be approved by the principal. Such solicitations must provide safety of students, must have educational justification, and must be entirely voluntary on the part of employees and students.

Unless specifically stated by the school board, a fund-raising project shall not imply the endorsement of the board for a specific product, commercial establishment, or other non-school agency.

**B. Fund Raising by Students****1. Generally**

Door-to-door solicitation is discouraged for all students and is prohibited in grades K-8. Participation by staff and students must be entirely voluntary. Projects must not discriminate against students who cannot or do not wish to participate in a fund-raising activity. Under no circumstances is a student to suffer grade penalty for failure to participate in a project or to satisfy a fund raiser goal. The awarding of incentives or prizes to individual students or staff as part of a fund raising activity in grades K-8 is prohibited.

Programs are encouraged which bring parents, students, and other citizens to the school. Fund-raisers must have principal and superintendent approval before an activity is announced or initiated. The Stafford County Public Schools

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Financial Management System responsibilities for fund-raisers must be followed.

#### 2. Outside the Schools

No student organization nor individual may conduct sales or solicitation activities in the name of any school without the written permission of the school principal.

Student organization desiring to conduct fund-raising activities must receive the permission of the school principal. Written requests must be justified educationally and must spell out the means by which the activity is to be conducted.

Requests for fund-raising activities to be conducted during the first semester must be submitted to the principal prior to September 5. The principal will compile a list of requests, specifying the organization, the purpose, and the means. This list will be submitted to the superintendent prior to September 10.

Requests for the second semester will proceed as above with the requests given to the principal by December 1 and submitted to the superintendent by December 15.

The superintendent will review the requests submitted by the principal and will approve those fund-raising activities which appear to have educational value and which will be administered responsibly.

Legal Reference: Through June 30, 1997

Virginia Department of Education "Standards for Accrediting Schools in Virginia." (1988)

Standard, D.18 Criteria "Fund raising activities which involve elementary students in door-to-door solicitation shall be prohibited and so stated in the school handbook."

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